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Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

JAMES F. McGOVERN, STAFF DIRECTOR AND CHIEF COUNSEL

The purpose of this letter is to register our continuing support for the joint venture of CRS/Sirrine, which was selected as the best qualified in competition to design the new CIA headquarters facility. We continue to feel concern that the design contract was given to the second place firm as a result of vague and misleading allegations that CRS was in some way a security risk because of a foreign minority shareholder. We understand that the CIA General Counsel has found that the minority shareholder of CRS exercises no control or influence over the policies and activities of CRS and therefore, CRS is capable of handling any sensitive work for the U.S. Government.

We have also been advised that there have been problems in the negotiation and execution phases of the current design contract. We strongly believe that the CRS/Sirrine Joint Venture should again be afforded the opportunity to provide architectural and engineering services for the final design phase of the CIA headquarters project.

Sincerely,

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